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AIRPORT CHECK . . . Wayne Conklin (right), an official of the Federal Aviation Agency, explains the function of one of several pieces of specialized electronic equipment in an FAA aircraft to Press-Herald Production Manager Ray Butters. The airplane, one of four operated by the FAA to check some 2,200 airport facilities once every three months, was displayed yesterday during an open house at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Several hundred area residents toured the plane and the FAA control tower. (Press-Herald Photo)

Continuation High School Wins Tentative Approval

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District voted Monday to establish a separate continuation high school, but made it clear they reserve the right to change their minds.

The board, by a 3-1 vote, adopted a resolution informing the State Department of Education of its intention to establish the new high school during the 1966-67 fiscal year.

Continuation education classes were begun in Torrance Monday, with 48 students enrolled in six classes meeting at two of the city's high schools. Howard C. Shoen, newly appointed principal of the continuation education high school, said enrollment may climb to 70 or 75 within a month.

MONDAY'S section authorized the establishment of a separate plant for the continuation high school and calls for a survey to deter-

mine possible locations. Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the board, cast the dissenting vote. Trustee Bert N. Lynn was absent.

Mrs. Watts said she favored the survey, but did not want to vote for a separate high school until a definite location was established.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, has proposed that the new school be established on land which the district may soon receive from the U. S. Navy.

THAT LAND is viewed by most trustees as the site of a new vocational center, if such a center is to be established. Mrs. Watts said she does not feel the vocational center, and the continuation education program "will go together."

"That isn't what the government thinks," Dr. Hull told her. He said the federal government, which must approve specific uses of the

land if it is given to the schools, has approved the proposal for a vocational center and a continuation education high school.

Continuation education classes are required by state law, but a separate facility is optional with local districts.

STATE reimbursements are higher when a separate facility is maintained. Dr. Hull noted the additional funds would be about equal to additional costs of a separate facility.

Mrs. Watts said additional funds would not pay for land which must be acquired. She also said the local district did not have title to the Navy land at the present time.

Shoen, in comments about the proposed facility, said he did not want it to become "an educational junkyard."

He described the new school as a place for students who are unable to work in a regular school.

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Top School Aide Quits, Joins Another District

Price of Milk Hiked In Schools

The price of milk in Torrance school cafeterias is going up.

New prices, to become effective on March 1, were approved by the Board of Education Monday evening following a report to the board which showed an increase in the wholesale price of milk and a decrease in federal subsidies being paid to school districts.

Small cartons of milk previously sold in elementary schools for 4 cents each will be priced at 5 cents each on March 1. A similar increase in the price of larger cartons sold in the high schools will hike the cost to students from 10 to 11 cents.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, told the board the price increases were needed because of a two-mill hike in prices paid by the district and a decrease of some nine mills in federal subsidies for the milk program.

The government subsidy probably will be lowered again Waldrip said.

IN OTHER action Monday, trustees:

- Failed to act on a proposed organization plan for the district's business department, deferring any action on the plan until later in the year.
- Received a request from district employees to initiate a health insurance program under which the school district would contribute a portion of the monthly premium. Trustees agreed to consider the request when salaries are reviewed during the next few meetings.
- Authorized the evaluation of West High School by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The evaluation will be completed during the 1966-67 school year.



ON TELEVISION . . . Beth Adams of Torrance, reigning Miss Los Angeles County, will appear on "The Dating Game" television show tomorrow on Channel 7 at 11:30 a.m. Beth will ask questions of three bachelors whom she cannot see, then select one of the three for a night on the town. She and her date will attend the opening of Stan Kenton at the Music Center, then have dinner at a famous night spot.

Officials Decide

'Powder Puff' Derby to End Here in 1967

The 21st annual Powder Puff Derby will end in Torrance early in July, 1967, it was announced here this morning.

Mayor Albert Isen told the Press-Herald he had been notified that the city's bid to host the western terminus of the nationally popular air race had been accepted.

A letter from Kay A. Brick, chairman of the board of directors for the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc., the official Powder Puff organization, said the race would start in the east at a city yet to be determined and that the contestants would fly to Torrance Municipal Airport.

AIRPORT MANAGER Jack Egan, notified at the same time of the selection, will begin preparation for next year's event in the near future. Mrs. Ruby Keaveny, west coast representative for the A-WTAR, will handle the local details, it was reported.

The event annually attracts a large number of women pilots who compete for prizes and trophies in the transcontinental race.

Torrance was the take-off point for the 14th annual Powder Puff Derby in 1960, at which actor Robert Cummings was the honorary starter. In that race, the lady pilots flew across country to the Newcastle County Airport at Wilmington, Del., a distance of 2,509 miles.

A local entrant in that race was a plane dubbed "Gravel Mary," and piloted by Iris Critchell of Inglewood and Mary Pinkney of Torrance.

Viet Nam Drive Wins Approval

Participation by Torrance students in a program to collect soap, combs, stationery, gum, and other small items for U. S. Military personnel in Viet Nam was approved Monday by the Board of Education.

The program, a project of the Redondo Beach Dianas, will be coordinated through school PTAs.

Containers will be placed in each school for children who wish to leave items for the servicemen.

Business Chief Waldrip Leaves For New Post

Sherman E. "Sam" Waldrip, assistant superintendent of Torrance schools for business, resigned that post Monday.

Waldrip reportedly is accepting a similar position with another school district. He did not, however, disclose the name of the district.

No effective date for the resignation was given, although Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the Board of Education the "target date" is March 7.

"It is felt that we should commend Mr. Waldrip for the fine job he has done and send him on his way," Dr. Hull said in a letter to the board, "not because we want to lose him but because we do not feel justified in standing in the way of his promotion."

Waldrip has been employed by the Torrance schools for



S. E. WALDRIP Resigns Post

Neighbors Help Build YWCA Unit

Dedication ceremonies held Sunday afternoon marked completion of a new unit for the Torrance YWCA which was built with the aid of friends and industrial leaders throughout the community.

The new unit, which contains 3,300 square feet of floor space, was begun in the spring of 1965 when the late Sam Levy, pioneer businessman in Torrance, and Mrs. Clara Conners, president of the YWCA board of directors, began soliciting the aid of craftsmen and merchants throughout the area.

Donations of money, ranging from \$1 to \$500 were received and several local building material and construction firms donated.

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the past 11 years. He has been in charge of the business office of the schools during that time.

He has been active in numerous professional groups in education, including the California School Business Officials Association and the California Teachers Association.

Waldrip and his family now reside at 5420 Sharynne Lane.

Youths Attack Officers - - -

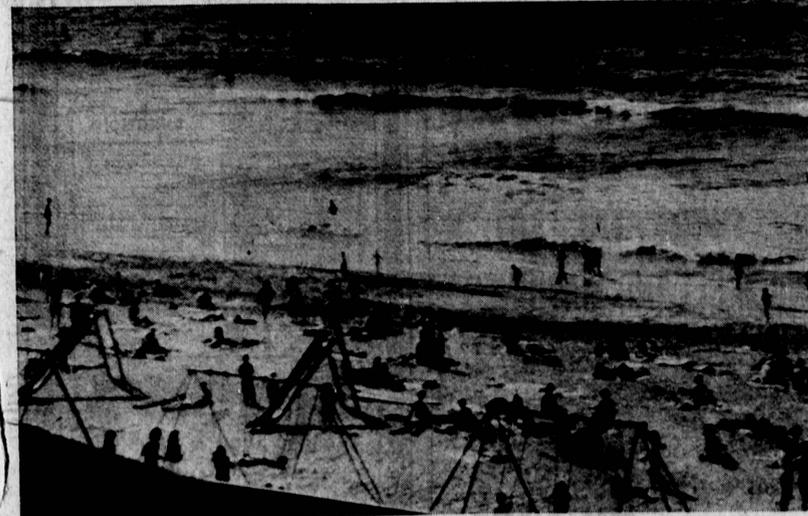
Ten juveniles were arrested in Harbor City Monday evening after police officers, sent to the scene of a teenage dance to check a reported disturbance, were attacked by on-lookers. There were no serious injuries, although several fires were set by youths hurling Molotov cocktails. The outbreak was put down about 11:30 p.m., officers said, and the youths dispersed. At one officers said, and the youths dispersed. Police said five area business firms were hit by firebombs Tuesday night following a protest meeting over the force used by police in quelling the Monday night disturbances.

Police Nominees Listed - - -

Six area police officers were nominated this week for the annual Peace Officer of the Year award sponsored by the South Bay Bar Association. Nominees include Edmund R. Ahlstrom, Torrance Police Department; Det. Monte J. Newman, Palos Verdes Police Department; Sgt. Norman J. Stafford, Hermosa Beach Police Department; Sgt. R. E. Guitare, Manhattan Beach Police Department; James D. Vaughan, California Highway Patrol, and Jack Dicus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The award will be presented tomorrow evening during a Bar Association dinner.

Lenten Season Opens - - -

Worshippers throughout the Southland began the 40-day penitential observance of Lent this morning, many of them repeating the penitential offices and participating in the distribution of ashes in the form of a cross on the forehead. Ash Wednesday masses were celebrated in all Roman Catholic churches throughout the morning hours, and ashes distributed among the worshippers. Early communion services were conducted in the area's Episcopal churches, and special Lenten services have been scheduled to begin today in most of the community's houses of worship. The climax of the Lenten season will be reached on Easter Sunday, April 10.



SUMMER'S HERE . . . Temperatures which pushed thermometers into the high 70s yesterday sent thousands of youngsters to Southland beaches. This shot of the Knob Hill area west of Torrance shows

some of the sun worshippers taking advantage of the one-day school holiday and the warm sun to get an early start on their 1966 tans. (Press-Herald Photo)